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**REQUEST FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION
(RCE) Transmittal**

Application #	09/214,708	RECEIVED JAN 14 2004 TC 1700
Confirmation #	8306	
Filing Date	11 January 1999	
First Inventor	ITANO	
Art Unit	1746	
Examiner	Winter	
Docket #	P06217US0/BAS	

This is a Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR § 1.114 of the above-identified application.
RCE practice does not apply to any utility application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.

**Submission required
under 37 CFR § 1.114**

Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise (with a separate Request).

Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered by the PTO as a submission even if this line is not checked.

Consider the arguments in the Appeal or Reply Brief previously filed on

Other:

Enclosed

Amendment/Reply

Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

Information Disclosure Citation

X Other: Petition for Extension of Time

Miscellaneous

Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR § 1.103(c) for a period of * months (*Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37CFRS 1.17(i) required*)

Other:

FEES: calculated below (after reduction for an amendment if noted above)

	NOW	Basic/Previous Number	Present Extra	Rate	\$
TOTAL CLAIMS	8	- 20	0	X \$ 18 =	
INDEP. CLAIMS	2	- 3	0	X \$ 86 =	
X RCE fee required under 37 CFR § 1.17(e)				\$ 770 =	770.00
				TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =	770.00
Reduction by ½ for small entity status of applicant				-	
				SUBTOTAL =	770.00
X Extension of time fee				+ \$ =	420.00
Other fee for				+ \$ =	
				TOTAL OF ALL FEES =	\$1,190.00

A check in the amount of \$1,190.00 is enclosed. If no payment or an insufficient payment is enclosed and a fee is due in connection herewith, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee or additional fee due in connection herewith to Deposit Account No. 12-0555.

In the event that a petition for extension of time is required to be submitted but it is not filed herewith, applicant hereby petitions under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) for an extension of time of as many months as are required to render this submission timely. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee or additional fee due in connection herewith to Deposit Account No. 12-0555.

Date: 22 December 2003

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By: B. Aaron Schulman

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**PETITION FOR
EXTENSION OF TIME
(37 CFR 1.136(a))**

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This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.

The requested extension and appropriate fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a) are as follows.

NOTE: Applicant has previously claimed or now claims small entity status.

No extension of time previously obtained. Extension requested:

	<u>Large Entity Fee</u>	<u>Small Entity Fee</u>
..... One month \$ 110 \$ 55
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Two months	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$ 420 \$ 210
..... Three months \$ 950 \$ 475
..... Four months \$ 1480 \$ 740
..... Five months \$ 2010 \$ 1005

- A check covering the amount indicated above is enclosed. If no payment or an insufficient payment is enclosed and a fee is due with this communication, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee or additional fee due herewith to Deposit Account No. 12-0555.
- If a further petition for extension of time (EOT) is required at this time, applicant hereby petitions under 37 CFR 1.136(a) for an EOT of as many months as are required to ensure that the application is pending on the date that this petition is filed. Any fee due in connection with this petition is authorized in the preceding paragraph.

Date: 22 December 2003

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